

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing remarks. Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14, 15, 30-35, 38-51, and 55-57 are pending, with claims 1, 44, and 55-57 being independent. Claims 44-51 have been withdrawn from consideration. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the application, for example, at page 3, lines 22-27, page 4, lines 8-11, page 8, lines 1-8, page 11, lines 20-23, page 11, line 27 through page 12, line 8, and page 12, line 14 through page 13, line 19. No new matter has been added.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Poltorak for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview on July 3, 2007. During the interview, Examiner Poltorak agreed to enter, in an amendment after final, new independent claims directed to other statutory classes that include the features of independent claim 1 as doing so would not raise new issues. Examiner Poltorak also indicated that canceling claims 52-54 and adding new independent claims directed to other statutory classes that include the features of independent claim 1 would result in a fast notice of allowance. This reply reflects the substance of the interview.

Applicants thank Examiner Poltorak for the indication that claims 1-3, 6-12, 14, 15, 30-35, 38-43 are allowed. Claims 52-54 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yu (U.S. Patent No. 7,092,992) in view of Cotten (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,590) and Marsh (U.S. Patent No. 6,763,462). Applicants have canceled claims 52-54 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Applicants have added independent claims 55-57 that include features similar to independent claim 1. Therefore, as discussed in the telephone interview on July 3, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 55-57 are allowable and request a fast notice of allowance.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to

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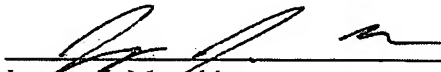
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concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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